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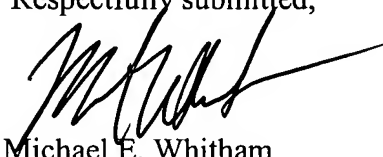
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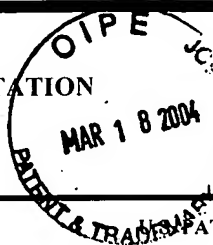
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## DOMESTIC PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	6,168,319	1-2-01	Francis			8-5-99
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1	9-61662	3-7-97	Japan		abstract	✓	

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	1	European Search Report dated February 5, 2004

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